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How Warren Buffett and Bill Gates Make a Killing Off the Childhood Obesity Epidemic

Warren Buffett's vertically integrated investments in the production of high fructose corn syrup — a key ingredient in highly processed foods and contributor to obesity in kids — generates massive profits for himself and Bill Gates.

By **Brenda Baletti, Ph.D.**

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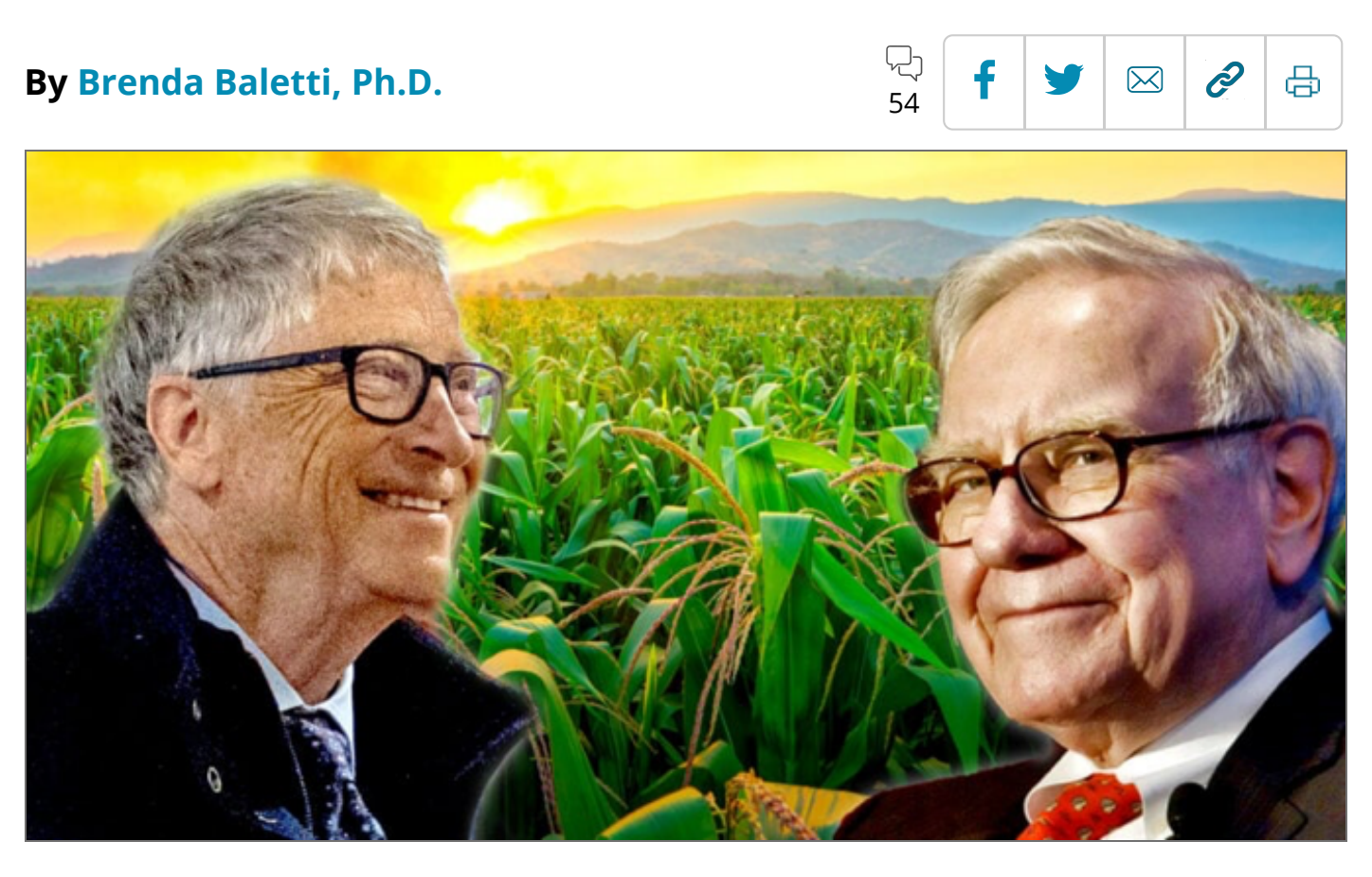

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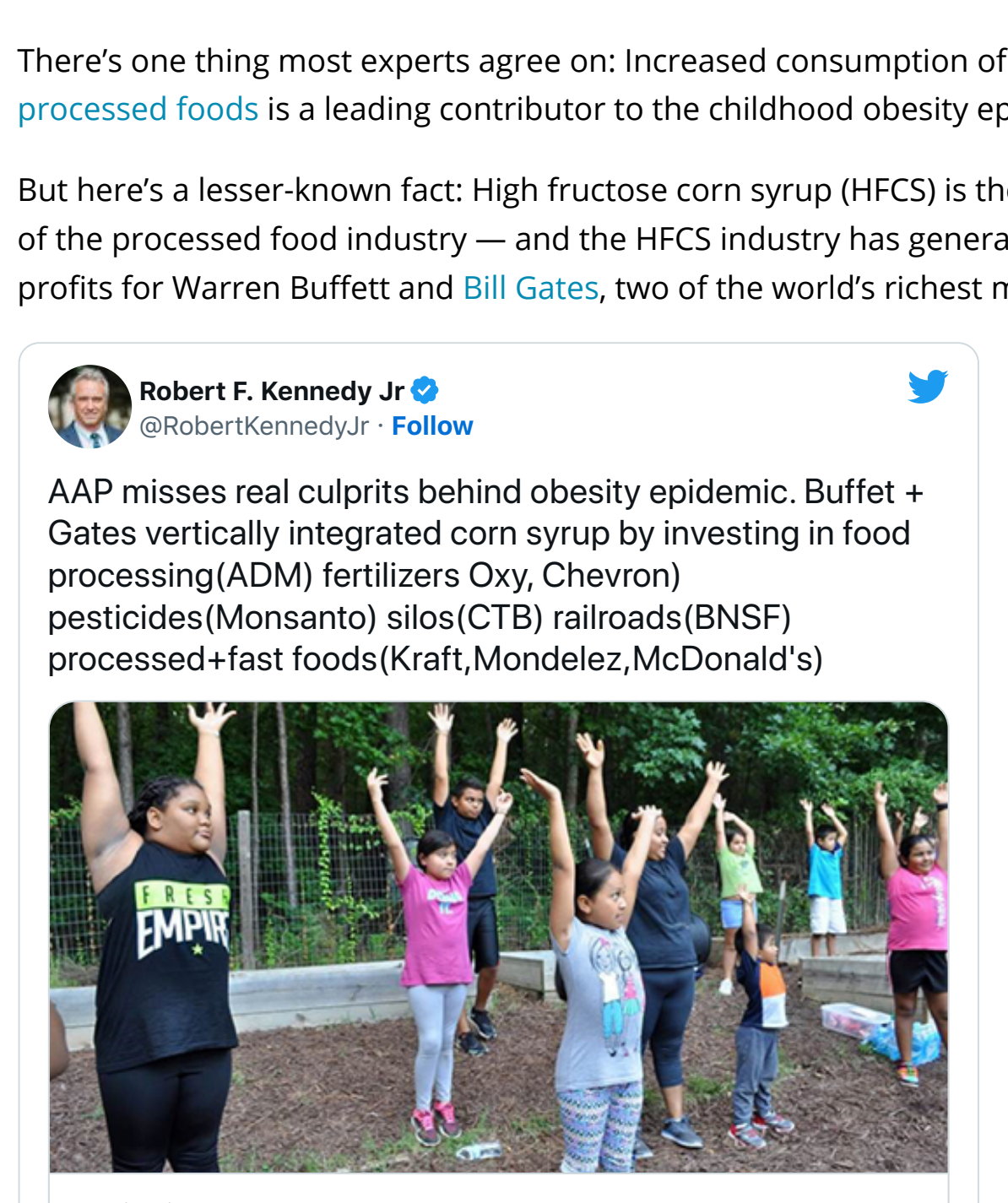
Childhood obesity rates could double among boys and increase by 125% among girls by 2035, according to a new global report by the World Obesity Federation.

In the U.S., childhood obesity rates tripled in the past three decades, increasing kids' risks of diabetes, cardiovascular disease and other chronic illnesses.

A report last month by The Hill cited multiple contributors to the obesity epidemic, including too much screen time, lack of access to healthy food and socioeconomic factors. Exposure to endocrine-disrupting chemicals is also known to play a big role in childhood obesity, studies show.

There's one thing most experts agree on: Increased consumption of highly processed foods is a leading contributor to the childhood obesity epidemic.

But here's a lesser-known fact: High fructose corn syrup (HFCS) is the lynchpin of the processed food industry — and the HFCS industry has generated massive profits for Warren Buffett and Bill Gates, two of the world's richest men.



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AAP misses real culprits behind obesity epidemic. Buffet + Gates vertically integrated corn syrup by investing in food processing(ADM) fertilizers Oxy, Chevron) pesticides(Monsanto) silos(CTB) railroads(BNSF) processed+fast foods(Kraft,Mondelez,McDonald's)

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'Is the world's richest man made primarily out of corn syrup?'

In 2015, New York Magazine ran an article — "Is the World's Richest Man Made Primarily Out of Corn Syrup?" — in the Intelligencer's "Diets" section.

The article told a light-hearted story about how Warren Buffett loves Coke, potato chips and other foods with high quantities of corn syrup so much — just like he did when he was a kid — that he bought up the companies that made them.

Buffett is the fifth-richest person in the world with a net worth of $108 billion. His wealth comes from investments in Berkshire Hathaway, the publicly traded multinational conglomerate company of which he has been CEO and chairman since 1970.

Berkshire Hathaway's investment strategy is to identify valuable companies and acquire increasingly large portions of them.

A look into the history of Berkshire Hathaway's holdings reveals the deeper truth behind the New York Magazine article showing that for more than two decades, Berkshire Hathaway acquired large stakes in all stages of production in the HFCS industry, from farmland to processed food companies.

This vertical integration investment strategy means that a substantial portion of Berkshire Hathaway's profits is linked to the proliferation of corn syrup in the food system.

Buffett and his family own farmland where they grow corn. Berkshire Hathaway has a major stake in fossil fuel companies like Occidental Petroleum and Chevron that power industrial agriculture and make chemical inputs for farming.

It owns a company that makes grain storage silos for selling corn. It owns the largest railroad in the U.S., which moves grain and processed foods across the country. It also owns a commercial trailer rental company — the other major means of transportation for grains and processed foods.

Buffett's company invested in seed and pesticide giant Monsanto, and for a short time, invested in Archer Daniels Midland (ADM), which does the chemical processing to make corn syrup.

Berkshire Hathaway also owns major stakes in some of the largest processed food companies — like Coca-Cola and Kraft Heinz — that use HFCS and other obesogens in their products, which they directly market to kids.

These companies profit off of rising food prices, while consumers' food bills soar. Kraft Heinz's quarterly sales rose 10% to $7.38 billion in the last quarter of 2022, beating Wall Street's expectations, the Wall Street Journal reported. The food conglomerate raised prices 15% last year.

They also benefit from close relationships with organizations meant to protect people's health — and particularly children's health — from the damage associated with commodities like HFCS.

For example, peer-reviewed research reveals Coca-Cola's "close collaboration with the American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP), the Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics (AND) ... The Obesity Society (TOS), and the American Academy of Family Physicians (AAFP)."

Here's how Berkshire Hathaway corn syrup supply chain holdings generate profits for Buffett:

Farmland/grain production: Buffett owns a 1,500-acre farm in Pana, Illinois, and three foundation-operated research farms — including 1,500 acres in Arizona and 9,200 acres in South Africa.

Grain storage: CTB, Inc., a wholly-owned subsidiary of Berkshire Hathaway since 2002, manufactures supply chain solutions for the grain, poultry, pig and egg sectors. This includes Brock Grain Systems, which produces grain storage bins and has made considerable profits by making it possible for farmers to hold crops so they can drive up grain prices.

Oil, energy and agrochemicals:

- **Occidental Petroleum**: Berkshire Hathaway owns a 21% stake in Occidental, which it began purchasing in 2022. Its subsidiary, OxyChem, is the second-largest producer of potassium hydroxide, or caustic potash, a key ingredient in chemical fertilizers.
- **Chevron**: Berkshire Hathaway has held more than 8% of the company since 2020. In addition to producing oil, Chevron's major chemicals subsidiary, Chevron Phillips Chemical, makes chemical inputs for all aspects of the agricultural supply chain — from agrochemical intermediates to flavor and fragrance enhancers to food packaging.
- **Berkshire Hathaway Energy**: Berkshire Hathaway has owned a controlling stake in this energy conglomerate, formerly MidAmerican Energy, since 1999. It is a holding company that controls power distribution in parts of the U.S., Canada and the U.K.
- **Monsanto**: Berkshire Hathaway purchased 8 million shares of Monsanto in the fourth quarter of 2016 after the announcement that Bayer would acquire it, merging two of the world's top suppliers of seeds and pesticides. Buffett increased his stake in Monsanto in 2018 and Bayer fully purchased Monsanto in June 2018.
- **Merck**: Berkshire Hathaway held stock in Merck from 2020-2021. Merck became a pharmaceutical giant in part because it was also formerly a maker of agrochemicals. It sold its agrochemical business to Novartis in 1997, for just under $1 billion.

Transportation:

- **Burlington Northern Santa Fe Railroad (BNSF)**: Berkshire Hathaway partially purchased BNSF in 2007 and fully purchased it in early 2010. BNSF is the largest U.S. railroad by freight volume (15% of all non-local ton-miles) and owns 23,000 miles of track in 28 states. It transports chemicals, fertilizer, grain and processed foods, among other things.
- **XTRA Lease**: Berkshire Hathaway acquired all assets of this commercial trailer leasing corporation in 2001.

HFCS processing:

- **ADM**: Berkshire Hathaway purchased a stake in ADM, one of the largest agricultural companies in the world, in late 2012 and sold it in the first quarter of 2013.

Processed food production and distribution:

- **See's Candy**: In 1972, Buffett purchased the company for $25 million, his "dream business." By 2019 it had brought in "well over" $2 billion, an 8,000% return on investment.
- **McDonald's**: In 1994, Berkshire Hathaway purchased a 4.9 million share stake in McDonald's, which was not revealed until a Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) filing document was unsealed in 1996. Berkshire Hathaway no longer owns shares in McDonald's, but Warren Buffett said he regrets selling it.
- **Coca-Cola**: In 1988, after Coca-Cola began using 100% HFCS as its sweetener in the U.S., Buffett started investing in the company and it has been one of Berkshire Hathaway's top holdings ever since — today it is its fourth largest holding.
- **Kraft Foods/Heinz**: In 2007, Berkshire Hathaway first invested in Kraft and in 2013, it purchased Heinz. Buffett orchestrated Heinz's merger with Kraft in 2015. Today Berkshire owns over 26% of the company.
- **Mondelez International**: Mondelez is a packaged food company that makes Oreo cookies, Cadbury chocolate, Halls cough drops, Trident gum and Triscuit crackers. Originally Kraft was part of this brand, but it was spun off as its own company in 2012.

When Berkshire Hathaway profits, Gates profits

Warren Buffett isn't the only one of the world's richest people to make his fortune from Berkshire Hathaway. It is nearly impossible to separate Buffett's wealth from that of his friend and business associate of 32 years, Bill Gates.

Gates, the fourth-richest person in the world with a net worth of $133 billion, holds much of his wealth in the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation. Berkshire Hathaway is the foundation's largest holding.

Gates served on the board of Berkshire Hathaway from 2004 to 2020. Since 2006, Buffett has given $45 billion to the Gates Foundation and he served as a member of the three-person board of directors of the foundation until Bill and Melinda Gates split up in 2021.

So Berkshire Hathaway's profits have been Gates' profits.

The Land Report also reported that Gates quietly made himself the largest owner of U.S. farmland. His portfolio now comprises about 242,000 acres of American farmland and nearly 27,000 acres of other land across Louisiana, Arkansas, Nebraska, Arizona, Florida, Washington and 18 other states.

Media coverage about the relationship between Buffett and Gates, their investments, the work they fund and their businesses is largely favorable.

According to a 2020 investigation published in the Columbia Journalism Review, media coverage that tends to depict billionaires like Buffett and Gates as leaders, geniuses and benevolent stewards of society is linked to the fact that as funding for media collapsed over the last decade, the Gates Foundation stepped in to fill the gap.

In 2020 alone, for example, the foundation gave more than $250 million to news organizations including BBC, NBC, Al Jazeera, ProPublica, National Journal, The Guardian, Univision, Medium, the Financial Times, The Atlantic, the Texas Tribune, Gannett, Washington Monthly, Le Monde, and the Center for Investigative Reporting, BBC Media Action and the New York Times' Neediest Cases Fund.

The money comes with strings attached, limiting the reporting it funds to issues it wants to be covered.

So, while billionaire philanthropists like Buffett and Gates finance media coverage that celebrates them for bankrolling public health initiatives and paints their critics as conspiracy theorists, they continue to make massive profits off the destruction of the food system — and the corresponding destruction of public health.

Obesity makes kids sicker — pandemic lockdowns made kids more obese

Gates and Buffett profited massively from the COVID-19 pandemic because they "bet on Big Pharma" to yield major profits from vaccines.

But the pandemic they profited from was made worse by the obesity epidemic their investments in corn syrup helped drive, according to numerous studies.

Peer-reviewed studies published in major journals like The BMJ established early in the pandemic period that obesity was a major risk factor in poor COVID-19 outcomes. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) reported that obesity might triple the risk of hospitalization from a COVID-19 infection.

Obesity is a major COVID-19 risk factor even in young people who are much less susceptible to severe disease.

Systematic reviews and meta-analyses found that children with obesity are at a higher risk of both severe respiratory disease and multisystem inflammatory syndrome due to COVID-19 relative to healthy children.

The CDC also reported numerous studies showing children diagnosed with obesity may suffer worse outcomes from COVID-19.

Maryanne Demasi, Ph.D., and others advocated early in the pandemic in BMJ Evidence-Based Medicine for dietary interventions to fight the negative effects of COVID-19.

But billionaires and politicians ignored these calls and instead promoted pandemic mitigation measures like lockdowns and school closures that increased rates of childhood obesity to unprecedented levels and made COVID-19 outcomes worse.

Research shows lockdowns and school closures increased childhood obesity because they reduced physical activity, worsened children's mental health leading to over-eating and increased levels of food insecurity, which is linked to increased processed food consumption.

Coca-Cola, Mondelez and others 'COVID-washed' processed foods to grow profits

Peer-reviewed research shows that processed food corporations used the pandemic as a marketing opportunity to promote their unhealthy products to vulnerable populations during a time of increased stress and hardship — what researchers at the University of Auckland in New Zealand call "COVID-washing."

The CEO of Coca-Cola told investors at the start of the pandemic in 2020 in "every previous crisis, military, economic or pandemic, in the last 134 years, the Coke Company has come out stronger."

A report by researchers from the Global Health Policy Unit at the University of Edinburgh, Scotland, working with the NCD Alliance, found that major processed food corporations like Coca-Cola were able to "adapt quickly and exploit new opportunities" during the COVID-19 pandemic.

They wrote:

> "This is illustrated via the pivoting of marketing and promotions to leverage both the pandemic and associated policy responses. For example, snack manufacturers Mondelez [a Berkshire Hathaway company] quickly recognised how lockdown led to increased in-house consumption whereby 'more grazing, more continuous eating, and snacking takes up a much bigger role.'"

Processed food producers sought to "present themselves and their employees as heroes in the context of the pandemic," they said.

The report linked to a Kraft Heinz video promoting "everyday heroes" in their processed food supply chain emoting "We Got You America" while visibly promoting core products such as Heinz Tomato Ketchup.

Heinz also partnered with food banks in its Kraft Heinz Project Pantry and Twitter campaign, invoking national solidarity to bring processed foods to low-income people.

According to Paula Johns, director general of ACT Health Promotion, Brazil, quoted in the report during the pandemic, "Unhealthy commodity industries have taken advantage of an adverse environment to sell their products and improve their image in the eyes of consumers."

For example, Coca-Cola rebranded bottles and cans in Mexico to invoke COVID-19 solidarity, promoted the fact that it shifted advertising budgets to "fight COVID-19," partnered with the United Nations Development Programme in several countries, funded Red Cross initiatives to link its brand with COVID-19 aid and partnered with the Gates Foundation to promote COVID-19 vaccination in Africa.

Krispy Kreme and Dunkin' Donuts gave away free donuts to people who showed their vaccination cards in 2021.

This branding was supported by the highest levels of government. In May 2021, McDonald's and the Biden administration partnered to promote COVID-19 vaccines by advertising together on billboards and on McDonald's cups and other items.

HFCS is as bad as you thought

Strong and consistent evidence links high sugar consumption and obesity in children and adolescents, with many studies pointing specifically to the role of sugary drinks like Coca-Cola.

Excess dietary sugar adds "empty calories" to the diet, affects hormone and blood sugar levels, stimulates appetite and overeating and replaces healthy foods in a child's diet.

In the U.S., sugar in processed foods often takes the form of HFCS, a processed sweetener with high levels of fructose — which is harder for the body to break down than natural glucose.

HFCS is cheaper, sweeter and more quickly absorbed into the body than regular sugar. Eating too much can lead to insulin resistance, obesity, type 2 diabetes and high blood pressure.

It can trigger processes that cause liver toxicity and a host of other chronic diseases, and it increases appetite and promotes obesity even more than regular sugar.

But fructose is not the only driver of obesity in HFCS. Virtually all corn grown in the U.S. is genetically modified and grown with pesticides and herbicides — making it almost certain that HFCS is a GMO product laden with chemicals.

HFCS also contains mercury, a fact hidden by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA). Renee Dufault, Ph.D., an FDA whistleblower, left the organization when it blocked her from publishing her research on mercury in HFCS.

HFCS is so notorious for its negative health effects, that the Corn Refiners Association petitioned the FDA to change its name to "corn sugar," claiming its long name is what gives consumers a bad impression of it. The FDA turned it down.

Despite all this, HFCS is ubiquitous in processed foods — used as a thickener, a sweetener and a humectant to retain moisture and the appearance of "freshness."

In the 1970s and 80s, when sugar prices were skyrocketing, the corn industry — which had a glut of corn starch — jumped into the sugar market. By the mid-1980s, HFCS had captured more than 50% of the market, and by 1984 it replaced sugar in Coca-Cola.

Corn syrup is primarily derived from a corn variety called yellow #2 dent corn, largely grown in the Midwestern U.S.

To turn corn into corn syrup, the corn goes through a mechanical process to separate cornstarch from the corn. The cornstarch then goes through a chemical process involving either sulfur dioxide or hydrochloric acid and heat to convert it into corn syrup.

Finally, another industrial process called enzyme conversion turns the processed corn into HFCS.

Medicalization of obesity market will generate massive growth for Big Pharma

In January, the American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP) issued controversial new clinical guidelines — its first update in 15 years — for treating childhood obesity that recommend prescribing weight loss drugs for children as young as 8 years old,

As The Defender reported in August 2022, as obesity rates rise — in children and adults — Big Pharma can expect windfall profits, creating a new node in the HFCS supply chain.

According to Fierce Pharma, analysts at Morgan Stanley Research told clients last July, "Drugmakers like Eli Lilly and Novo Nordisk are poised to unlock a global obesity market that could be worth more than $50 billion by the end of the decade."

Wegovy, one of the drugs approved for obesity in kids, helped fuel the forecasts.

It is not just high drug prices that make obesity a hot market. Since obesity in 1993 was officially classified as a chronic disease, it is now "on the cusp of moving into mainstream primary care management," said Morgan Stanley — because it can be treated directly instead of treating its consequences, such as diabetes and cardiovascular disease.

"Therefore we expect excess weight and fat loss to become treatment targets for obesity and for treatment guidelines to adopt obesity as a primary target ahead of other associated diseases," wrote Morgan Stanley analysts, who predicted a $54 billion market within seven-and-a-half years.

As obesity shifts from an aesthetic matter to a medical one, J.P. Morgan forecasts "this could be an over $30 billion annual opportunity," according to Chris Schott, senior analyst of U.S. Major and Specialty Pharmaceuticals for J.P. Morgan Research.

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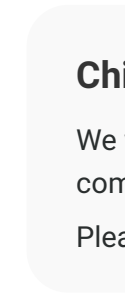

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Bottom line, no one is forced to eat this garbage. I'll be the first to admit it is HARD to eat healthy in this world. Achieving 100% is probably impossible. Shoot for 75% and build on that. I do know that all need to start reading labels and understand what you are reading. For years if it says HFCS I put it back on the shelf. No sugar is good but this is poison. I also skip the fast food lanes. That I can do 100%. An alternative medicine Dr. told my back in the 1980's to shop only the outer aisles of the grocery store, Fruits, veggies, meat, dairy and eggs because that is the only place food is found. Today, need to trim that down to the organic sections as the GMO's have taken over what once was healthy. And...learn to cook. Teach your children to cook. It's fun and you can control what goes into what you put in your mouth. I realize you can eat at a McDonald's for a couple of bucks, feel full and it is so convenient. Need to realize those couple of bucks spent might just cost you thousands in medical issues later. I'd rather spend my dollars raising as much as I can and paying a local like minded farmer than paying Pharma for a lifetime of drugs. And BTW I am 69, haven't taken a prescription drug in 20 years and my family, who are all heavily medicated for all kinds of health issues, think I am weird.
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You can't even get a Happy Meal at McDonalds for $2. It's almost $4 now and any meal runs about $10. And for not needing medication, consider yourself lucky but don't denigrate people who need them. That's mean.
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I wouldn't know what a Mc D's meal cost. haven't been thru the lane in at least 15 years. I wasn't mean. Just trying to help people see if they clean up their diets they may find some of their health issues might at least get better. Had a good friend and neighbor that was a diabetic. I convinced her to try Essiac. She was able to cut her insulin by 75%. For the first time in years could enjoy a small piece of cake. My own mother had liver enzymes off the chart. Of course the dr. had a pill for that. I convinced her to forget the drugs and take Milk Thistle for a month and get retested. Her levels were normal. Even the Md wondered how she did it. Stop being judgmental and open your mind. You might actually learn something. And yes, I consider myself lucky to not be wasting my money on pharma's pocketbook. Actually I consider myself smart. Poor health is not a pill deficiency.
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Agree w/Voyt. It's the parent's job to teach your kids healthy habits, including eating better food. Obviously can't control as much once they're a teenager, but hopefully the foundation you've laid will keep them on a better food choice path most of the time.
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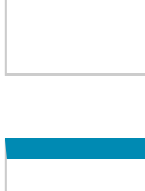

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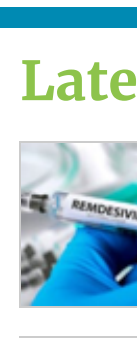

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Is it just me or do gates and buffet have that same snake like smirk on their faces?

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This article illustrates how long Gates and Buffet and Big Business have been at war with humanity and most notably, against children.

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The majority of the population has absolutely no idea of what real food is...why do they even bother reading labels? I saw a woman reading a Kraft "peanut butter" label, long ago and without even looking at it, I tried to explain to her that it contained GMO corn, soy, canola and cottonseed, which is right on the label. She threw it in her cart anyway!
Billy boy's face looks like an unpaved road that has seen too much traffic!

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John Vian
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The food oligarchs wouldn't have a dime if the American people never bought their toxic products. Like Trigonometry, it has become a vicious circle, spinning out of control into an abyss of corruption. Does the madness ever end? Maybe when 2/3rds or 3/4ths of the world population drops dead, people will come to their senses. Or perhaps only then the philanthropists will be content to get back to wholesome foods. The underlying problem is evil, wicked, and vile men want to be God with the domination of everyone who is more than willing to have it so.

"Put not your trust in princes, nor in the son of man, in whom there is no help.
His breath goeth forth, he returneth to his earth; in that very day his thoughts perish.
Happy is he that hath the God of Jacob for his help, whose hope is in the LORD his God:
Which made heaven, and earth, the sea, and all that therein is: which keepeth truth for ever:
Which executeth judgment for the oppressed: which giveth food to the hungry. The LORD looseth the prisoners:
The LORD openeth the eyes of the blind: the LORD raiseth them that are bowed down: the LORD loveth the righteous:
The LORD preserveth the strangers; he relieveth the fatherless and widow: but the way of the wicked he turneth upside down." - Psalms 146:3-9

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Out There ↪ John Vian
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"The food oligarchs wouldn't have a dime if the American people never bought their toxic products." You make it sound sooo easy. But this con job has been going on for decades and only very recently has it all come to light. How long it takes for that lesson to be internalized and then taught is another matter altogether.

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I don't put Buffett in the same camp as Gates. Yes, Buffett owns shares in a bunch of companies that do bad stuff. Frankly, so does anyone who owns an index fund in their 401k. For the vast majority of companies, Buffett is a passive investor. He doesn't take a board seat or have anything to do with how the company runs, even though they'd all love him to be on their boards. Gates, however, is truly evil. He decided to push vaccines on the world, and to cover up the ill-effects. His efforts to eradicate polio in India led to 400,000 paralyzed children. His actions related to the Covid shots are well-known to regular readers of CHD.

The world of capitalism is full of trade offs, and there are very few companies that are "clean." Amazon creates loads of environmentally-destroying litter. Apple addicts our children to screens. Pfizer poisons us outright. Phillip Morris kills us with cigarettes. And Coke poisons us with HFCS. I see a different in offering bad things that we may CHOOSE (Buffett's strategy) vs. pushing bad things on us for fear of retribution (Gates' strategy.)

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Rick Springfield ↪ LikeToThink
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I agree with you when it comes to personal accountability. The only caveat is that the govt has a near monopoly when it comes to education for most kids. And the public schools have progressively (no pun intended) gotten worse when it comes to creating sharp minds that are capable of critical thinking. Big govt in bed with Big (oligarchy) business has screwed our country.

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Out There ↪ LikeToThink
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Buffett is evil because he needs to be. Gates is evil because he loves to be.

Pick your damn poison.

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Robert Sagramati
5 days ago

It is now very clear that the Globalists have turned Health and Food into a NEW BUSINESS, where "basically" the KEY OBJECTIVE is to actually MAKE THE POPULATION SICK and unhealthy so that then......they can SELL you the "remedy & solution" to the problem!! Just like the Covid-19 PLANNED-emic, created a man made virus to render sick and kill off as many as possible to then "present you" the Miracle EXPERIMENTAL serum that will "save" you!! What a disgrace humanity has reached!!🤷🤦❗❗

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unacceptable views
5 days ago

This is a normie problem and we sadly, have too many normies. Until the parents develop an EQ and snap out of their emotional reactions and start applying critical thinking, nothing is going to change. These kids will be, if they're not already, on the Pharma train and most likely for the rest of their lives. Parents can't teach their kids better if they don't know better themselves. The Great Dumbing Down was put into motion decades ago and to great success. We are living in the end result of that movement that the Globalists and their pals started as this is all falling in line perfectly with their depopulation plans. It's incredibly easy to get The Crowd to self-cull. The weaker your EQ, the great chance you will assimilate into the hive mind.

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Before you can create a socialist, you have to train his grandfather.

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George Washington
6 days ago

Good article! Not only has Gates friendship with Buffet cast Buffet in a different light, but it's shown us that Buffet places profits before people. He no longer deserves public regard as an icon. He's an exploiter and a blight upon capitalism. He's an evil man.

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Bill Krueger
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Folks, although these greedy unbelievers can and are making it hard for other people remember the words Jesus said in Matthew 16:26; "What good will it be for someone to gain the whole world, yet forfeit their soul? Or what can anyone give in exchange for their soul?" We believers will gain more than they will Ever have when the Lord and Savior calls us home. Remember this and it won't bother you so much when they weave their webs of evil.

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YouKiddinMe ↪ Bill Krueger
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Thank you Bill. I love that scripture - and yes, it has helped when I feel angry at these wealthy Evil-Doers that do nothing to help but only harm. I think God won't mind too, if we all spit on their graves.

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Germane
6 days ago

ok, what's the problem with this guy? HE is not the problem, it is the people who do not use and heed the information that is known. These guys are pussies, have no guts in their bones if it came to a direct confrontation with a man, a mother and they would not force anyone at gunpoint to consume Hight fructose corn syrup. People do it all (!) voluntarily.... I see it in my practice every day. When I point out to patients their diet and the flaws in it, they don't want to hear it, they want to have a pill for obesity, for hypertension, for diabetes.... but they don't want to give up this stuff, just like they don't want to give up meat, fat, oil etc.... don't insult the rich, they do what they want to do, it's everyone's own fault if they drink a coke, get high on soda....

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Rick Springfield ↪ Germane
6 days ago edited

There's nothing wrong in pointing out that his billions are in large part from the peddling sh_ which makes everyone fat which in turn fuels the big pharmaceutical companies to develop profitable fat- fighting pills to go along with their experimental shots.

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mcwinaz ↪ Germane
6 days ago

Totally agree that people want the 'quick fix'. Many are fine with swallowing a bunch of pills a day if it's the only way to keep their krappy lifestyle. Very few people want to do the work. To them I say, enjoy your short life.

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janicelblake ↪ Germane
6 days ago

Personal responsibility is a rare trait.

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diana Mackin
6 days ago

I agree wholeheartedly with the bases of the arguments here. What makes no sense to me is to further the screeching aimed AT fat kids. "Childhood obesity" is a judgment, a shaming, of children's bodies via their psyches. Further, some of these bodies will go through fat periods just prior to growth spurts. Even more of these bodies are raised in households where real incomes have decreased as the rich sucked up the wealth created by those parents' bodies, their work efforts and forced increased productivity. We desperately need another way to talk about this, to STOP demeaning children while discussion the problem and the solution. The problem is not caused by fat children!

The problem IS caused by the fortunes made off of toxic foods, subsidies to the unhealthiest among them, and the fact that our government agencies are wholly captured by the industries they are supposed to regulate.

It's also noteworthy that the effects of toxic foods are not consistently visible. Some folks who live on unhealthy foods are thin -- and sick. (It's also possible to be fat and healthy, but that's a series of arguments for another day -- along with the fact that adiposity is often a condition born of conformity, as repeat dieting causes the storage of more body fat and its defending.)

We need an organized revolution against the system by which toxic foods make rich men richer, and the health of the populace poorer. Count me in, just stop damning fat kids!

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Rick Springfield ↪ diana Mackin
6 days ago

Pointing out childhood obesity isn't fat shaming. It's recognizing that an overweight child is at a disadvantage health wise that will only amplify as they get older. Lead by example. Eat whole foods (lean meats, fruits, vegetables), limit things w/ added sugar, cut out fast food, ditch cereal and most grains, and lastly start an exercise routine. Don't look at things with a victim mindset.

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April Scott ↪ diana Mackin
5 days ago

I do not disagree with your argument because it is definitely harder for low income families to afford the healthiest food and the system needs to be reworked. But almost anyone can eat healthy–I know because I grew up in poverty and my family avoided much of the junk isles in the grocery store. People have just become lazy and accustomed to food being served fast (i.e. processed) instead of waiting for it to be prepared in wholesome ways.
Also, you don't have to worry about fat people being shamed any longer–body positivity is now a marketing ploy and people walking about with their guts hanging out and feeling empowered even though this is a sign of illness, not positivity. It's sad that they can't see that they're just buying into the latest marketing ploy.

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Molly Pitcher
5 days ago edited

They took away recess, then gym class, we need more time to indoctrinate. We had two 15 min. recesses, a 1 hour lunch, half spent on the playground, or gym on bad days. Teachers supervised. We brought our lunches ate at our desks in grade school, no seconds. No greasy fried foods, milk or juice. Low carbs and sugars when we reached HS. I'm one of the ones who brought my lunch, we couldn't afford the schools lunches. So no big portions. And we worked at home or a job after school. 35 kids in each class. These teachers can't handele 20. We were not taught hate.

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Adrianne42
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I think processed sugar and dairy products are two of the largest contributors to obesity as well as a long list of other health problems such as diabetes, high blood pressure, heart disease, and osteoporosis.

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tag ↪ Adrianne42
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I consider raw dairy one of natures most perfect foods. The white chalk most buy at the non food store? Yep Poison in a jug. Please do some research.

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Kathleen Buck
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Buffet and Gates are two totally disgusting people. They actually look like they drink that high fructose corn syrup as well.

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Gary Brown
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Marebobowl
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Brenda, despite mr.buffet placing his sees chocolate boxes and a can of Coca Cola in front of him at his annual Berkshire Hathaway shareholders pow wow, none of us believes he really eats this junk. Then again, he and his sidekick, Charlie are a bit paunchy....but heck they are nearly 100 years old. Mr. Buffet reminds me of the insurance guy who, used to come to our home, sit at the dining room table with my mom and negotiate our insurance policies. He had a stub of a pencil, which he continually licked the lead to get it to write. He had a tome of an insurance "book". I was 7, it was 1957. The only difference between the insurance guy and Mr. buffet was the insurance guy had integrity. My mom would not have let him through the door if he had not.💕

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Mary Madigan
2 days ago

These are the face of EVIL !!! Even they will die and face the consequences of their actions.

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Paul Allen
2 days ago

Eons ago, back when dinosaurs had lately walked the earth I entered the ninth grade in high school. Every School day we - boys and girls - dressed for gym. We were active and we were slim. We had no GMO corn and no high fructose corn syrup in 70% of grocery products. We had no glyphosate to cause autism and the other neurological diseases of children. Not to mention physical deformation of babies.

I'm sorry I am not leaving a moral world and society to be proud of. I did try.

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Out There
4 days ago

Real-life Nice Characters, *Mean* Actors.

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Out There
4 days ago

The *pig* sectors, eh?
Some jokes (including the insult to X types) just write themselves.

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BEBrownie
4 days ago

OK Warren makes money off people eating crappy food, but he is in no way responsible for them eating it. As the Hill info said 'including too much screen time, lack of access to healthy food' is not because of his investments. No one holds a gun to an American's head and makes them eat processed foods. Its freedom of choice and the PARENTS should be held in negligence as their children suffer. Oh and those parents ought to be parenting as a mother & a father, i.e., parents- not being funded by the Federal govt via subsidies, 'food' stamps & welfare. Simply put, as Ronald Reagan said, the most terrifying words in the Englich language are' I'm from the government & I'm here to help'. Can't make this up....

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